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Dear Harold,

Thanks for your letters of 8/15 and 8/16.

The FBI memo on your contact with the Secret Service is fascinating, but I don't think I can add anything to help explain it. I don't have any specific recollection of knowing, at that time, about your talks with the SS, although I may well have known. The only L.A. correspondents of mine at that time were, I think, Lifton and Newcomb. I ~~xxxx~~ checked my correspondence with them, and didn't see any reference to this subject (or to your work at all, for that matter.) Offhand, it looks like the deleted 7-letter name in the FBI memo could easily be a press source, or even some sort of local police agency. If you were doing regular talk-show appearances at that time, my guess would be that it was a press source.

Looks like the documents you got from the FBI might make an interesting story. Perhaps Lardner would be interested.

Sincerely,

Paul
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